



USSN: 09/888,049  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 9400-0013  
Client Dkt. No.: PXE.013.US

## PATENT

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on **November 4, 2004**.

11/4/04  
Date

Michelle Hobson  
Signature

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

FRANCIS et al.

Serial No.: 09/888,049

Filing Date: June 21, 2001

Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR  
USE THEREOF IN MODIFYING THE  
GENOMES OF MICROORGANISMS

Examiner: David Lambertson

Group Art Unit: 1636

Confirmation No.: 6970

Customer No.: 20855

### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004, for which a response was initially due on or before August 18, 2004.

X  Three months to November 18, 2004. The extension fee is

\$490  X  \$980

X  A check to cover the \$980.00 extension fee is attached.

Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

11/09/2004 AWONDAF1 00000109 09888049

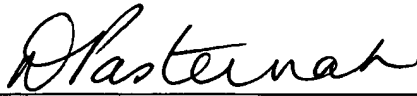
02 FC:1253

980.00 0P

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 4, 2004

By:   
Dahna S. Pasternak  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 41,411

ROBINS & PASTERNAK LLP  
1731 Embarcadero Road, Suite 230  
Palo Alto, CA 94303  
Tel: (650) 493-3400  
Fax: (650) 493-3440